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Fee Transmittal Form



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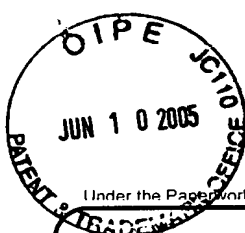
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)
Multiple dependent claims

| Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 50 | 25 |
| 200 | 100 |
| 360 | 180 |

Total Claims 26 Extra Claims Fee (\$)
28 - 20 or HP = 2 x 50.00 = 100.00

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$)
8 - 3 or HP = 5 x 200.00 = 1,000.00

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Multiple Dependent Claims
Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, which provides for a response period ending June 9, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

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